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Dear Doctor:

You will soon be asked to participate in the National Ambulatory Care Survey (NAMCS) developed by the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS). We urge you to participate in this survey.

Because this survey has been conducted periodically since 1972, it has been especially useful in examining our health care system. Information from the survey provides an invaluable base for planning and organizing health services, assessing health facility and manpower requirements, determining possible modifications in medical education programs, and knowing what diseases are seen in the ambulatory setting.

Along with other medical organizations, we have been involved in developing the NAMCS questionnaire, which minimizes the amount of record-keeping and time involved and maximizes the utility of the data collected. Strict confidentiality will be maintained, with only summary data published and made available to the medical profession, to health planners and researchers and to the public.

I am confident that you will find the information obtained will be worth the extra effort expended by participating physicians. May I urge your support for the NAMCS by providing the information requested?

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joe M. Sanders, Jr.", written in dark ink.

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